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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4381

INFO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 0982

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR EFIS PLOS EC US

SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF US TUNA VESSELS: STEPS TAKEN TO FULFILL THE  
"WITNESS" COMMITMENT TO FELANDO

REF: STATE 029384

1. THE SITUATION AS OF 1100 FEBRUARY 8 IS THAT THE ECUADOREAN  
STATE FISHERIES CORPORATION (EPNA) AND ZAPATA REPRESENTATIVES  
ARE IN GUAYAQUIL DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF BUY-BACK  
ARRANGEMENTS. GOE AUTHORITIES HAVE MADE NO MOVE TO CONFISCATE  
CATCH.

2. I HAVE ACCORDINGLY TAKEN THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO COMPLY  
WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL:

A. DIRECTED CONSUL GENERAL DEWITT TO NOTIFY AUTHORITIES  
IN SALINAS THAT HE WISHES TO BE ADVISED PRIOR TO ANY ACTION  
WITH RESPECT TO THE VESSELS, CREWS, OR CONFISCATION OF THE  
CATCH IN ORDER THAT OUR CONSULAR OFFICIALS MAY WITNESS  
IT.

B. A SIMILAR REQUEST IS BEING COMMUNICATED IN  
QUITO TO THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE  
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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

C. CONSULAR OFFICERS STATIONED IN GUAYAQUIL HAVE BEEN ALERTED IN CASE THEY ARE REQUIRED TO JOIN CONSUL GENERAL DEWITT AND CONSUL LEVY IN SALINAS TO WITNESS ANY GOE ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE JACQUELINE A, MARY ELIZABETH, CALYPSO AND CITY OF LISBON, THE FOUR VESSELS WHOSE APPEALS HAVE BEEN REJECTED. PERSONNEL WITH EXEQUATURS IN QUITO HAVE BEEN ALERTED SHOULD THEY BE NEEDED AS WELL.

D. NO CONSULAR OFFICERS HAVE BEEN STATIONED IN MANTA, BUT SHOULD ANY OF THE BOATS BE ORDERED THERE WE SHALL DO SO. BREWSTER

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